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Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

Denmark welcomes the delegation of Kazakhstan and thanks it for its presentation today.

Denmark commends Kazakhstan's readiness to actively engage with the United Nations human rights mechanisms.

Denmark remains concerned about the legal restrictions on the exercise of religion or belief.

Denmark recommends the Government to revisit the legal framework regulating the exercise of religion or belief, in particular the 2011 Law on Religious Activity and Religious Associations, to ensure the legislation's compatibility with international legal standards.

Denmark encourages Kazakhstan to continue efforts to promote the rule of law by securing the independence of the judiciary.

Denmark recommends the Government to protect the independence of the judiciary by bringing regulation relating to the legal profession into accordance with international legal standards.

Denmark wishes Kazakhstan a successful review.

I thank you.